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In re U.S. Patent Application of

ICHIMURA et al.

Application Number: 10/700,519

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For: MR (MAGNETORESISTANCE) DEVICE AND
MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	14	14	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	9	9	6 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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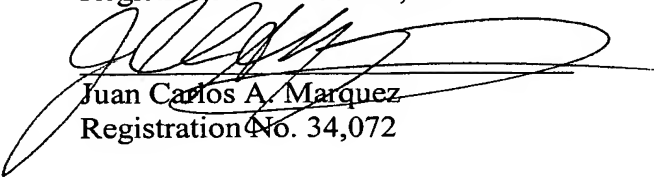
[x] Response to Office Action
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[] Substitute Specification
[] Preliminary Amendment
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on November 19, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Species I and corresponding claims 1 and 9-13 without traverse.